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LETTER DATED 12 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I should like to bring to your attention new facts that demonstrate that Armenia is continuing its armed aggression against Azerbaijan in districts that have no common frontier with Nagorny Karabakh.

Yesterday, 11 April, at 0500 hours local time, units of the national army of the Republic of Armenia renewed their attack on the Zangelan district of Azerbaijan. Infantry and tanks armoured fighting vehicles are taking part in the attack, which began from the direction of the villages of Dzhav and Nerkin-and of the Kafan district in Armenia. On the same day, Armenian artillery hit Azerbaijani frontier guard positions in the region of the villages of Kyollugyshlag, Shefibeyli and Razdere in the Zangelan district.

On the night of 10 April, the village of Alpout in the Kazakh district in north-western Azerbaijan, which is quite distant from Nagorny Karabakh, was subjected to rocket artillery fire from the territory of Armenia.

The threat still remains that the district centre of Fizuli, in south-western Azerbaijan, will be captured by units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia.

Emboldened by a sense of impunity, the Armenian aggressors are engaging in undisguised acts of pillage and out-and-out robbery. On 11 April, during the day, Armenian armed formations attempted to capture a large flock of sheep in the village of Shikhly in the Kazakh district. Two shepherds were killed in the attack. Units of the Azerbaijani national army succeeded in repulsing the attackers. However, the retreating enemy took hostage a third shepherd, who was still alive. Such attacks by the Armenian armed forces have become more frequent as a result of Armenia's expanded aggression and its seizure of new Azerbaijani territories.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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